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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 4, 2002 OFFICE ACTION AND  
PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued December 4, 2002 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to the December 4, 2002 Office Action was due March 4, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time from March 4, 2003 to April 4, 2003. The required fee for a one-month extension of time is \$110.00 for a large entity and a check in that amount is enclosed. Accordingly, a response to the December 4, 2002 Office Action is now due April 4, 2003 and this response is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claim 23 as marked-up in **Exhibit A** attached hereto, by deleting the bracketed matter and inserting the underlined matter. A clean copy of claim 23, as amended, is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

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